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Eighth Annual Report

OF THE

SOCIETY OF WOMEN MUSICIANS

Founded July 15th, 1911.

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THE SOCIETY OF WOMEN MUSICIANS.

REPORT of the COUNCIL of the Society of Women Musicians for the year 1918-19.

The Council have great pleasure in submitting the Eighth Annual Report of the Society's work.

When members met this time last year we had just concluded an Armistice after the most devastating War that the world has ever seen. The War is now at an end, and the Council look forward to new developments, and earnestly ask all members to assist them in the ideals they set out to attain, and further, not only to help each other as members of the Society of Women Musicians, but to help build the world of the future by carrying the highest ideals to those who have not had equal opportunities of development, or of realising the part that music should play in the life of a nation.

The Council wish to congratulate members on their loyalty in supporting the Society through these difficult times, and trust the spirit of co-operation will continue to grow and bear fruit in the future.

Meetings.

The Annual General Meeting was held on **Wednesday, December 4th, 1918,** when two resolutions were put to the meeting, and carried.

Resolution 1 : Moved by Mrs. Norman O'Neill, that Rule 3 (c), relating to the election of members of the Council, be altered, viz. :—

> "Retiring members shall be eligible for re-election, but any retiring member who shall have served consecutively for a period of five years shall not be eligible for re-election until the lapse of one year from the date of retirement, provided nevertheless that the Council shall not thereby be precluded from co-opting any such member when thought desirable."

Resolution 2 : Moved by the Hon. Treasurer :—

"That, in view of the increased cost of printing, stationery, postatge, etc., subscriptions for members joining the Society of Women Musicians after December 31st, 1918, shall be as follows, viz. :— £1 1s. 0d. for Professional Women.
£1 11s. 0d. for non-Professional Women.

That members who joined previous to this date shall be invited, but not required to pay the increased subscription."

Miss Katharine Eggar presided, and a vote of thanks was passed to the out-going President, Madame Marie Brema.

After tea Mrs. Norman O'Neill gave a delightful programme, consisting of a group of 17th Century Italian and French pieces, and a second group of modern French School. She was assisted by Madame Jeanne Jouve, who charmed her audience with her beautiful voice and artistic singing of a group of old Italian and modern French songs.

On **December 14th**, the first Concert was devoted entirely to the British Chamber Music of the Cobbett Free Library, when the following works were played by a String Quartet, led by Miss Rhoda Backhouse, assisted by Miss Mary Mellis (guest), Miss M. Savory (guest), and Miss Helen Luard (guest).

Programme :—

"Londonderry Air" ... ... *Frank Bridge*
"The Lonely Shepherd" ... ... *Speaight*
"Molly on the Shore" ... ... *Grainger*

On **Monday, December 30th**, the first meeting of the Junior Members of the Society of Women Musicians was held at 3, Gloucester Walk, when nine junior members attended. Miss Kathleen Schlesinger, at whose suggestion the Junior Branch had been formed, said a few words on the aims of the Junior Members' Branch. An informal programme was given, which included very promising compositions by two members ; songs were sung by two other members, the rest contributing pianoforte solos.

On **Monday, January 13th**, a meeting was arranged for Junior Members at 92, Victoria Street, S.W., when Miss Nellie Holland was to speak on Chamber Music, and Miss Dorothea Walenn's Quartet had undertaken to illustrate. Owing to a dense fog only one junior member and some of the Council were able to attend. They were rewarded by hearing Brahms's D minor Sonata, played by Miss Dorothea Walenn and Miss Jessie Munro (guest), followed by pianoforte solos by Miss Katharine Eggar.

On Monday, January 20th, the Society, wishing to honour the memory of their late President, Madame Liza Lehmann, arranged a Memorial Concert of her works at the Æolian Hall, with the cordial collaboration of Mr. Herbert Bedford. The programme included the famous Song Cycle, "In a Persian Garden."

The following artistes, most of whom gave their services, were personal friends of the Composer :—

Miss Ethel Barns.	Mr. George Baker.
Miss Louise Dale.	Mr. Powell Edwards.
Miss Katharine Eggar.	Mr. Hubert Eisdell.
Miss Evangeline Florence.	Mr. Walter Hyde.
Madame Lily Henkel.	Mr. Landon Ronald.
Miss Irene Scharrer.	Mr. Arnold Stoker.

The Lady Maud Warrender.

This Concert was repeated on **January 27th**, and there was a crowded Hall on both occasions.

On **Saturday, February 15th**, the compositions which had been awarded prizes for the S.W.M. Competition were performed, and much appreciated.

PROGRAMME.

PIANOFORTE SOLO—

Seven Miniatures and Folk Dance on a Folk Tune ... *Dora White*

(Second Prize, Class A in Competition).

THE COMPOSER.

SONGS ... ... *a.* The Tears of St. Joseph } *Van Someren Godfrey*
b. Come away, Death } (*Associate*)

MISS MARJORIE WALKER.

Accompanied by MISS MARJORIE HERMON (Guest).

VIOLIN AND PIANOFORTE ... Andante Elégiaque ... *Agnes Lambert*
(First Prize, Class B in Competition).
MISS RHODA BACKHOUSE AND THE COMPOSER.

PIANOFORTE SOLOS ... Three Sea Pictures ... *Olive Turner*
(First Prize, Class A in Competition).
MR. ARTHUR L. SANDFORD (Guest).

SONG ... ... *a.* Card Song (from Carmen) } ... *Bizet*
b. Seguidille ... ... }
MISS OLIVE TURNER.

VIOLIN AND PIANOFORTE ... Introspection ... *Maud E. Marshall*
(Second Prize, Class B in Competition).
MISS RHODA BACKHOUSE AND THE COMPOSER.

By kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Scott, the Composers who had not won prizes met and submitted their compositions to the Composers' Committee. Mr. Thomas Dunhill gave most helpful criticisms on each work. This was followed by an open meeting at the Women's Institute on February 28th, when a programme of these compositions was given.

PROGRAMME.

LAMENT FROM SONATA for Violoncello and Pianoforte —
Edith Langsford
MISS EDITH HANSON AND THE COMPOSER.

THREE DANCES for Pianoforte ... ... *Kathleen Richards*
THE COMPOSER.

STUDY for the G String (Violin and Pianoforte) ... *Muriel Overton*
MISS CARRE SMITH AND THE COMPOSER.

FIVE NATURE PIECES for PIANOFORTE ... ... *Thelma Green*
THE COMPOSER.

PIANOFORTE SOLO ... ... Sunset ... ... *Edith Ellsworth*
THE COMPOSER.

PIANOFORTE SOLOS ... Four Holiday Sketches ... *Elsie King*
(Sheringham Reminiscences)
MISS AUGUSTA CHETHAM STRODE.

On **Saturday, March 15th,** Mr. Cecil Sharpe gave a delightful account of his experiences in the Appalachian Mountains, with illustrations of the Folk Songs he had collected. He was assisted by Miss Karpeles, who had accompanied him on his tour.

On **Saturday, March 29th,** an audition was held for Singers at 92, Victoria Street, S.W., when members of the Singers' Circle were heard, the Examiners being Mrs. Mary Davies, Mus. Doc., Mrs. Hutchinson, and Madame Agnes Larkcom, F.R.A.M.

On **Saturday, April 9th,** Miss Kathleen Schlesinger, F.A.S. Univ. Liverpool, gave a peripathetic "Talk" to the Junior Members, at the British Museum, on "Music and Instruments of Ancient Egypt, Greece, etc." Afterwards the party were kindly entertained at tea by Mr. and Mrs. Barwick and the Junior Members' Honorary Secretary.

The Council would be glad if members who are interested in the Junior Section would introduce girls or boys who are leaving School and who wish to keep in touch with music and continue their musical education.

On **Saturday, June 21st,** a second programme, consisting of works from the Cobbett Free Library, was arranged by Miss Rhoda Backhouse, assisted by Miss Mellis (guest), Miss Savory (guest), and Miss Adelina Leon, A.R.C.M., when the following works were performed:—

String Quartet in E minor ... ... *Frank Bridge*
Two Bagatelles for String Quartet ... ... *McEwen*

The following songs by Members and Associates were sung by Miss Annabel McDonald:—

"Lyric" from the Chinese, 769 B.C. ... *Kathleen Richards*
"Cradle Song" ... ... *Dorothy Harris*
"A Sea Dirge" ... ... *Thomas Dunhill*

On **Saturday, July 19th,** the Annual Birthday Party of the Society had been arranged, with a programme to be given by some of the original Members of the Society of Women Musicians. This had to be postponed on account of the Peace Day Celebrations.

On **Friday, July 11th**, a Composers' Conference was held, when Major Geoffrey Toye (guest) read a paper on "Writing for the Ballet." After tea a discussion was opened by Miss Kathleen Richards, followed by Miss Millicent Russell, and others.

On **Saturday, October 15th**, Madame Elsie Horne, A.R.A.M., gave a delightful lecture on "Nature in Music." She was assisted in her very varied programme by Miss Annabel McDonald.

On **Saturday, October 25th**, a meeting for Junior Members was held at 3, Gloucester Walk. A discussion took place on future work, and Joan Spink and Joan Thornton were elected members of the Committee. The six members present played piano solos.

The Composers' Group have held nine fortnightly meetings between January and July, under the able direction of the Hon. Secretary of that Section, Miss Katharine Eggar.

The subscription to the **Musicians' Bed**, in memory of Dr. Garrett Anderson, amounted to £8 17s. 6d., and the Council authorised the Hon. Treasurer to send a round sum of £10.

The Liza Lehmann Fund (being the proceeds of the Liza Lehmann Memorial Concert) to help young Composers and Singers, has £66 on deposit for that purpose. The Committee desire to make known that they are willing to consider any application sent in by members. All particulars may be had from the Hon. Secretary, or from the Hon. Treasurer, Dr. Emily Daymond, who will gladly receive subscriptions to the fund.

The S.W.M. Library has suffered this year from having no Hon. Librarian since the resignation of Miss Hilda Moon, and the Hon. Secretary would be glad to hear from any member who would undertake the duties.

Cobbett Free Lending Library.—Members are reminded that the Cobbett Free Lending Library of British Chamber Music is open to the public every Wednesday (except in vacation time) between 4 and 6 p.m., at 92, Victoria Street, S.W. Catalogues—price 1s., may be had on application—also further particulars as to rules for borrowing, both in London and by post from the Provinces, from Miss Rhoda Backhouse, Hon. Librarian. Miss Rhoda Backhouse would be glad of someone to assist her.

Votes of Thanks.—The Council desire to record a very hearty vote of thanks to Miss Rhoda Backhouse for her work for the Cobbett Free Library; to all the Lecturers and Artistes who have so kindly given their services at the meetings; to Mr. John Ireland, Mr. Dunhill, and the Examiners in connection with the Composers' Competition; also to the Examiners who gave their time to the Singers' Audition; to Miss Lucie Johnstone, Hon. Secretary of the Singers' Section; to Miss M. E. Barwick, Hon. Secretary of the Juniors' Section; and to all members and friends who have helped in various ways.

SECTIONAL COMMITTEES:

Composers:

Miss Emily Daymond, D.Mus.
Miss Marion Scott.
Mr. Thomas Dunhill.
Hon. Sec.: Miss Katharine Eggar.

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Mrs. Mary Davies, D.Mus.
Miss Gertrude Eaton.
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Madame Agnes Larkcom, F.R.A.M.
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Junior Section.

Miss E. Carre-Smith.
Miss Gertrude Eaton.
Miss Katharine Eggar.
Miss Nellie Holland.
Miss Edith Reed.
Miss Kathleen Schlesinger, F.I.A. Univ. Liverpool.
Miss Joan Spink.
Miss Joan Thornton.
Hon. Sec.: Miss M. E. Barwick.

Lectures and Concerts:

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Miss Marion Scott.

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SOCIETY OF WOMEN MUSICIANS.

Dr. *RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ending June 30th,* 1919. *Cr.*

		£	s.	d.
To Balance at Bank		36	9	0
,, Members' Subscriptions		59	7	0
,, Associates' Subscriptions		3	5	0
,, Donations		3	1	0
,, Lecture Agency Receipts ...	4 1 2			
,, *Less* Registration Fee ...	2 2 0			
		1	19	2
,, Proceeds from Sale of "Music Student"		2	6	0
,, Proceeds of Liza Lehmann Memorial Concert ...	148 1 0			
Less Expenses	82 1 0			
		66	0	0
		172	7	2
,, Balance, Deficit at Bank		2	11	4
		£174	18	6

		£	s.	d.
By Clerical Assistance		34	17	4
,, Printing and Stationery		33	9	6
,, Postages		20	15	9
,, Bank Charges		1	3	7
,, Audit Fee		1	7	6
,, Teas	4 9 10			
,, *Less* Receipts	3 5 0			
		1	4	10
,, Sundry Expenses		10	5	6
,, Prizes for Composers' Competition ...		2	10	0
,, Subscription to Chester Library... ...		2	2	0
,, Donation to Dr. Garrett Anderson Hospital Musician's Bed ...	10 0 0			
Less Collection for same ...	8 17 6			
		1	2	6
,, Donation to Liza Lehmann Fund—Balance of Proceeds of Concert ...		66	0	0
		£174	18	6

Examined with the Books and Vouchers, and found correct,

18th Octobber, 1919. (Signed) M. F. NORDEN, *Auditor.*

ORIGINAL OFFICERS AND COUNCIL
for the Society's first year,
1911 - 1912.

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1919 - 1920.

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Hon. Librarian of Cobbett Free Library of British Chamber Music:
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